



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The Economic Competiveness Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 4:06 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room T1734, 17th Floor of the City Hall Tower.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Reed, Chair; Council Member Liccardo, and Council Member Herrera.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Nguyen,

STAFF: City Manager Ed Shikada, Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh, Assistant Director of Economic Development Nanci Klein, Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas, Director of Public Works Dave Sykes, Projects Expeditors Sylvia Do, Plan Review Division Manager Kathryn Sedwick, Senior Civil Engineer Mike Liw, Building Inspector Manager John Ruck, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon, Mayor's Agenda Assistant Ahmad Chapman, and Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Guzzetta.

Mayor Reed opened the meeting noting continuing growth in the valley, acknowledged notable property acquisitions for rehabilitation, offered thanks to the development services department for their hard work, and offered observations on projects moving through the development process.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Documents Filed: Development Services Major Project List for September 2014, listing 35 projects and development project maps.

Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas introduced Development Services staff and acknowledged their efforts, and reported on the status of the permit process for many of the projects listed on the Major Projects Update. Various Staff responded to Committee questions regarding specific projects.

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Harry Freitas reported on recruitment and concerns related to hiring and retention, noted processes that might be served through streamlining, and answered questions from the Committee.

OTHER UPDATES

Mayor Reed invited representatives from companies related to the Major Projects List to add any additional comments.

Henry Cord, Cord Associates for DiNapoli Development, Seth Bland and Jan Sweetnam of Federal Realty, and Jennifer Shepherd, Signature Flight, offered thanks to the Committee and Staff for their hard work.

Staff answered questions from the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


David Wall offered comments on various issues including the retention of employees, items on the Major Projects List, et al.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014, Monday, November 3, 2014, and Monday, December 1, 2014, all at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Tower, Room 1734.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed
Committee on Economic Competitiveness

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